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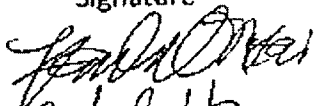

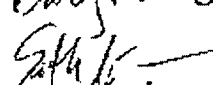


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As a Surfrider Spirit Sessions volunteer mentor, I am strongly in favor of any support that may assist this non-profit organization— one that takes some of Hawaii's toughest kids and provides the necessary leadership skills to propel Hawaii to a more positive future.

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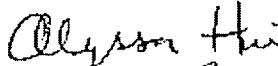
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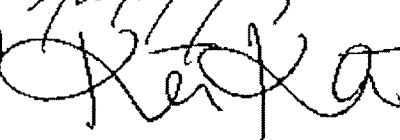
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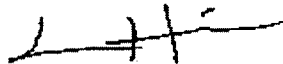
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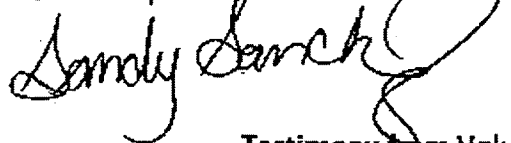


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